

5 **BATCH PROCESS FOR MAKING HIGH FLASH POINT PITCH**

Abstract of the Disclosure

10 A method for producing a high-flash-point impregnating pitch that comprises
charging coal tar into a batch still; heating the coal tar to an intermediate liquid state of
soft pitch; maintaining the intermediate temperature of the soft pitch at a steady level; and
introducing sparging gas while maintaining the temperature of the coal tar at a
substantially steady level. The method of the present invention provides a pitch that has a
15 softening point of about 90°C and a flash point of above about 270°C.

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